



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 (subject to change)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 4 Feb	20 Gr 4 Camp Cottage By the Sea	21 Gr 4 Camp Playgroup 9.30- 11.00	22 Gr 4 Camp No preps at school SCHOOL COUNCIL	23 Gr 4 Camp	24 Gr 4 Camp
Week 5 Feb	27	28 Playgroup 9.30- 11.00	1 No preps at school	2 Div swim Bdale Tennis	3
Week 6 Mar	6	7 Playgroup 9.30- 11.00	8	9	10
Week 7 Mar	13 Labour Day	14 Parent/Teacher Playgroup 9.30- 11.00	15 Conversations Gr 3&5 NAPLAN Test Window Begins	16 After School Tennis	17 All Week 3.30-4.30
Week 8 Mar	20	21 Harmony Day -Visiting artist Playgroup 9.30- 11.00	22 SCHOOL COUNCIL	23	24
Week 9 Mar	27 Conclusion of NAPLAN	28 Playgroup 9.30- 11.00	29	30 Tennis	31
Week 10 Apr	3	4 Playgroup 9.30- 11.00	5	6 Last day of term early finish 2:15	7 GOOD FRIDAY

ONLINE BANKING - Account Name -Toorloo Arm Primary School Council
BSB 063 832 Acc No 1002 2188
Please include details - Surname and description e.g. Fees, uniform, camp etc.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent participation in their child's schooling is a significant contributing factor to a child's success at school.

Children want their parents and carers to be interested in what they are doing at school.

At Toorloo we value the opportunity to meet with parents to discuss how their child is feeling about school and talk about what they hope to get out of the year.

We set aside formal opportunities for parents and teacher to get together. The first one is in term 1, the second is in term 2 when the mid-year report is discussed and then again at the end of the year by parental request.

Term 1 Parent/Teacher Conversations will be held in week 7 following the March long weekend. Teachers will be available from 3.30pm-4.30pm on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday and Friday of that week.

We encourage all parents and carers to request a time with your child's teacher by completing the request form that was sent home today.

Quita will be allocating times upon receipt of requests forms so please get yours back to the office asap.

Confirmation slips will be sent home with students in week 6, so keep an eye out for that.



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**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOUR CHILD IS THERE**Why it's important**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

GETTING IN EARLY

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

IN VICTORIA SCHOOL IS COMPULSORY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 6 -17 YEARS

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and developing good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

Family holidays - It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates.

TOP ATTENDANCE TIPS FOR PARENTS

- * Remember that everyday counts
- * There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- * Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- * Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- * Avoid making routine medical, dental or hair appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- * Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. This policy is available for parents on our website www.taps.vic.edu.au.

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School Council

We will have **4 PARENT VACANCIES**, and **2 community member vacancies** on school council. Nominations for school council are now open and will close on the Friday 24th of February at 4.00pm. Please consider standing for election to school council. **Self-nomination** forms are available at the office.

3-6 Swimming

Congratulations to all students who participated in this years swimming program. It is always a pleasure to observe what students you can achieve during this intensive program.

Our P-2 swimming program is scheduled for the end of term three.

Thanks to Barb Plant for her coordination of the program and to the staff at the aquadome for their expert tuition and care of the students.

Regards

Kerry Hughes



Students of the Week



Private Music Tuition

Mike Elrington is offering private music tuition at school on Friday's. The cost is \$25 for 20mins, and if it's a group lesson with two or more children the charge is \$20/each for 20mins.

Mike can offer tuition in guitar, vocals, drums, bass & basic keyboard. Children would need their own instruments although we do have access to keyboards. If you have any queries, contact Mike on 0402188446

www.mikeelrington.com

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**Expression of interest for private music tuition**

Name _____ Tick below your request

☐**Individual lesson**☐**Guitar**☐**Basic Keyboard**☐**Group lesson**☐**Vocals**☐**Bass****Please return this slip to the office to express your interest****Prep**

Well done everyone for surviving the heat! We all had a great week and are ready for this one.

Congratulations to our award winner, **William Fotheringham** for his part, part whole number skills, recognising that numbers can be represented different ways. **Evie Jackson** for her effort in class and home reading.

**Wednesdays**

Just another reminder that the Preps have Wednesdays off and you have each been allocated a specific time to come in, so I can have a one on one session with your child to do the English and Math online interview.

Take home Readers

Please remember that take home readers need to come back to school everyday, so students can swap over their books and get a reading star.

Library

We go to the library every Friday, so on these days students can choose a new library book if they have returned their previous one. Library books get returned every Friday.

This week we are looking at:**Reading:**

- This week in our Readers Workshop we are looking at G.K.R (Getting Knowledge Ready)
- We are building a range of reading strategies, such as using the picture, getting our mouth ready and pointing to the words.
- We are focusing on the letters f,g,o,d,r looking at name, sound and visual cue.

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Writing:

- Looking at who, what, where, when, what doing and how to form a sentence using all of them.
- Learning correct letter formation for f,g,o,d,r
- Putting pen to paper and building our confidence to have a go at writing.

Maths: Number knowledge: Recognising how different numbers can be made such as 5+1, 4+2, 3+3 all equal 6 and learning our friends of ten, 2 numbers that when added together make 10.

Have a great week,
Miss Cock.

Grades 1/2

G'day and welcome to week 4, Grade 1/2 families!

This week, 1/2A awards went to **Harlan Smith** and **Amaya Spathas**. Harlan for the way he has transitioned into Grade 2 and gives everything a go independently, particularly in his writing. Amaya for always being so friendly and helpful in the classroom.

In 1/2B, awards went to **Lashaya Clarke** and **Xander Gray**. Since returning to school this term, Lashaya has been showing she is ready to learn and setting a good example to her classmates as she consistently shows the '5Ls'. Xander has received an award this week for showing kindness in the library by offering to his classmate the book they had both chosen.

Well done to all our award recipients!

This week in our reading, we are continuing our study of the Mentor Text 'The Bear's Lunch', with a focus on building our vocabulary based on words in the text.

In our Writer's Notebook, we have made drawings of important people in our lives. These pictures will inspire us to create amazing characters in the stories we write. In our writing this week, we will also be looking at how writers start their stories with 'Bold Beginnings'. Towards the end of the week, our handwriting practice will focus on the formation of letters u, y, w, v.

Our focus in Maths this week is a continuation of the topic of place value as we continue to build our understanding of hundreds, tens and ones using a variety of concrete materials and visual representations of these, including pictures of Smarties!

Thanks to all the Grade 1s who completed the English Online Interview with their teacher over the last 2 weeks.

Thanks folks, we hope you enjoy your week!

Eliza Cunningham and Caitlin Jackson

Grades 3/4

Hello and welcome to week 4,

We wish our Grade 4 students and Mrs. Murray all the best on their week away for camp! We have heard they arrived safely and are having a lovely time and the weather for the rest of the week looks GREAT! Stay tuned to the school Facebook page for photos and updates. The Grade 3 students are very excited to be back together this week and we will be planning some in some fun activities to make up for not being on camp. A reminder thought that all Grade 3/4 students will be going on a shared camp to Coonawarra in Term 2, so no one misses out!

This week we chose two Grade 3 students for our awards. In Mrs. Murray's grade, **Declan Bills** received an award for the commitment he has shown to tuning in, visualizing and responding to the mentor text Two Wolves. In 3/4A **Ivy O'Donnell** received an award for the commitment she is showing towards 'thinking through' in Maths, trying a range of strategies especially when she feels challenged by a problem. **Great job Declan and Ivy.**

We also have a special mention this week to Coen, who has become the new chook monitor at TAPS! Coen and Alyssa have been working hard to come up with a system for reducing our food waste, while also helping to give the chooks a more varied diet. Each grade now has a designated chook bucket, which has been organized by Coen and Alyssa and will be emptied twice a week. The chook friendly scraps will go to the chooks and the rest will be composted.

It is probably a good time to remind everyone that we are a **Healthy Eating School** and we love to see fruit and veggies in lunch boxes! A few children have come with sugary prepackaged lollies recently and we have had to gently remind them that while some treats are okay, lollies are best left as 'at home' or special occasion treats. It is helpful if lollies do not come to school to avoid disappointment. We are also a **water only** school, so juice boxes are not permitted in lunch boxes either.

In other news it might be time to tell you that Ms. Haldane is expecting a baby later this year... We suspect some of you in the community may have guessed already as it is getting harder to hide! She is due in June and will be heading off on maternity leave some time in Term 2. Of course, we will be updating you on future

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arrangements for 3/4A once they have been made and we ask for your patience as we make the transition as smooth as possible for students and families.

Thanks and have a great week!

Mrs. Murray, Ms. Haldane and Alyssa Warfe

Grade 4's on Camp



Grades 5/6

Hi Year 5/6 families

The award winners this week are:

Kiara Gritt for her excellent persistence in swimming all through the swimming lessons. Great work Kiara.

Arlia Wightman for her fantastic efforts in writing last week. Thank you for sharing your ladybug poem with the class.

Grade 5/6 B class award for their excellent participation during the swimming program. It was great to see everyone trying their best and persisting to improve their skill level. Great progress was made during the 3week program. Well done.

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Ollie Anderson for being a great role model to others. This week he stepped up and helped others without being asked, modelling the value for the week – being friendly.

Well done to all the students who attended the district swimming carnival at Orbost. Well done to some of the relay teams and Billy for finishing in the top two. Last week the Year 6's received their prep buddies, it was a great start to the program.

This week in reading we are focusing on summarising, using key events, problems/solutions, and major character moments to assist in retelling and summarising a text. In writing students are drafting a narrative, adding in new ideas learnt from mini lessons and revising throughout the writing process. In maths, we are practising to fluently read and write numbers into the millions and above through games and partner tasks. We will also focus on estimation and number patterns.

Our Integrated Studies topic this term is 'Care for the kids', students are beginning to learn about different organisations around the world that help kids in need.

On Thursday, Jeff from rotary will be speaking to the Year 6's about the rotary program. It's a great program that develops commitment and is a great way to give back to the community. We encourage everyone to give it a go and the school will assist students in completing some of the tasks.

Thanks, Alec McPhee and Ali Mackie

SPORT and PE NEWS

PE Students of the Week

Storm Stoddart, Gabby Reggardo and Emily Jackson-for their positive mindsets at the Orbost Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Thanks for being so flexible when you needed to fill in for us-you are great competitors and gave it your absolute very best!

Chelsea Smart-Mrs Hughes Award-back to back to back events at the sports- 2 being butterfly. I was feeling your pain Chelsea.

School based PE classes for Grade 3-6s have started this week. After all the hard work in swimming, we hope to build on this fantastic base with fun land based activities that will further develop students' health related fitness. We will also be introducing the Minor Games unit to focus on leadership, teamwork, pro social and collaborative skills.

Junior PE continues to focus on locomotor skills during games with the aim to practice efficient running, jumping, hopping and skipping with Mr Stubbs.

Please don't hesitate to catch up with us if you have any concerns about your child's participation in PE, or if you are interested in connecting them up with sport in the community, we can usually you point in the right direction. Also, it would be great if your child wears runners and has a water bottle on PE days, so that participation is comfortable and safe, and of course, hats are compulsory this term.

CONGRATULATIONS TAPS HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL WINNERS!

We can now announce a change of the guard for the TAPS House Swimming Carnival! Well done to the Red Seals for their strong participation and competitive performances last week. From memory this is the first time that the Red Seals have won the swimming! Here are the final totals:

1st place Red Seals 277 points
2nd place Green Sea Snakes 188 points
3rd place Blue Dolphins 142 points

District Swimming Carnival: ORBOST

The District Swimming Carnival was held last Thursday in Orbost. Mrs Hughes and I were really proud of the way everyone gave it their all and swam their hearts out. That's the TAPS way.

Congratulations to all of the swimmers who represented TAPS, it was amazing to see everyone really challenge themselves swimming 50 metres with a smile on their face. It's such a long way! A big thanks to **Allison Cheesley** and **Alyssa Warfe** who spent a long time in the boiling hot sun to help out with place judging. I appreciate your time and effort under difficult conditions.

Some of the highlights included individual performances from **Jackson Cheesley** (3rd in freestyle), **Gaby Reggardo** (2nd in backstroke); **Billy Warfe** (3rd in backstroke, 2nd in breaststroke) and **Gracie Lunny** (3rd in breaststroke). Congratulations on your success and good luck to Gaby and Billy who have qualified for Divisions Swimming after their second placings.

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Our 12 year old boys freestyle relay was very competitive and came 2nd. Well done, **Jackson Cheesley, Billy Warfe, Zeppelin Allan and George Holley.**

The 10 year old girls relay team (**Grace Lunny, Tarzaiyah Sellings, Ivy O'Donnell and Evelyn Carlisle**) were fantastic finishing second in their freestyle relay.

The boys 10 year old freestyle relay team also placed 2nd, well done **Ray Wang, Max Friend, Coen Buck-Roberts and Abel Mc Kerrell.** These 3 relay teams have now qualified for the Division Swimming Carnival next week.

There were outstanding performances from our 12 year old girls relay teams. Half the team had to jump up an age group to form enough swimmers, such a great effort. Thanks girls!

12 year old girls freestyle 4th **Chelsea Smart, Lily Konyn, Storm Stoddart and Emily Jackson.** Girls OPEN medley relay 4th **Chelsea Smart, Lily Konyn, Gaby Reggardo and Emily Jackson.**

This is a great reflection on the success of our swimming program, and the depth of our swimmers, thanks to the terrific instructors at the Aquadome. Good luck to all competitors in Bairnsdale on Thursday 2nd March.



ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at TAPS

Tennis coaching with Nigel Carr continues next Thursday 2nd March. **Don't forget that Nigel has moved the lessons to Lakes Entrance Tennis Club (behind the Aquadome) to accommodate everyone safely. Newcomers are welcome to join due to the change in venue, so please return your form below.** The session is an hour long starting at **4.15 pm to 5.15 pm** -a reminder parents are required to stay for the hour. If the weather is not looking great, please keep an eye on the SkoolBag ap for any changes.

The rest of the sessions for Term 1 are fortnightly (Thursday 16th March and Thursday 30th March).

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**TENNIS – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

I give permission for my child _____ of class
_____ to be considered to participate in the tennis program.

Signed _____ Date _____

Thanks,
Barb and Tom

Important Sport dates for Term 1 2023

Thurs 2 March Division Swim Bairnsdale Qualifying swimmers (back up 3rd Mar)
Thursday 2nd Mar ATF FREE tennis coaching 4.15-5.15 Lakes Entrance Tennis Club

Thurs 16 March Regional Swimming
Thursday 16th Mar ATF FREE tennis coaching 4.15-5.15 Lakes Entrance Tennis Club
Thursday 30th Mar ATF FREE tennis coaching 4.15-5.15 Lakes Entrance Tennis Club

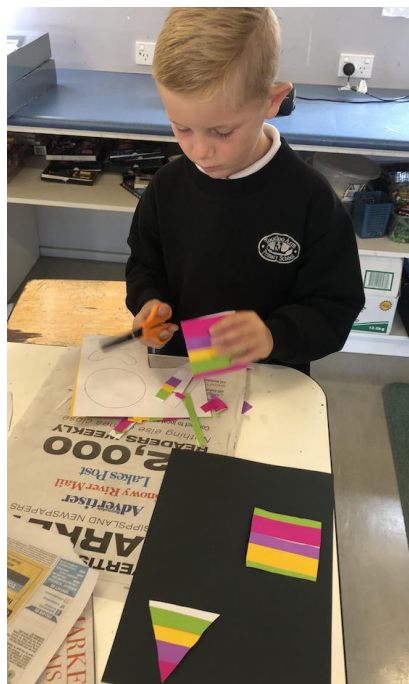
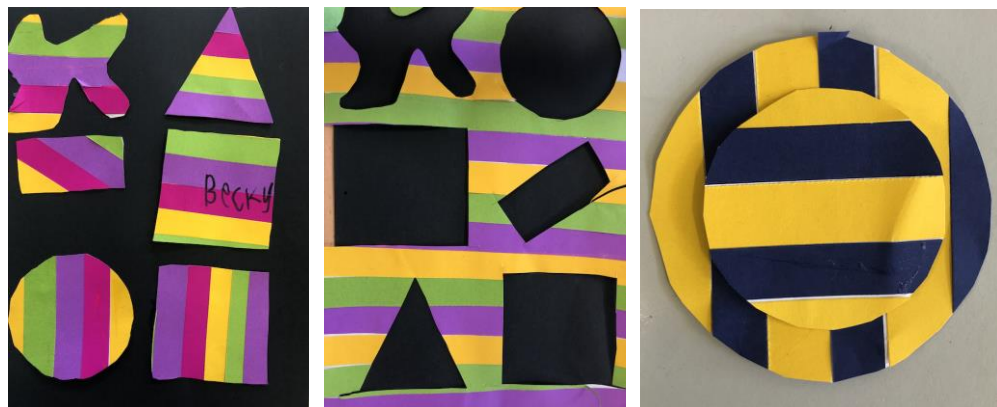
ART

This week will see students consolidate their learning from the past weeks, allowing them to apply ideas and techniques to their artworks, exercising their student voice and choosing their favourite 'style' to create works of art.



Students from Miss Cock's Prep Class.

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Artist of the week, **Mack Anderson.**

Jobi Laybourne.

FRENCH

Bonjour,

This Monday morning, at assembly, I gave an award to Laila and Charlotte in 1/2A for their excellent teamwork, good listening and efforts during our last lesson, as well as for being helpful with their classmates. Well done!

Prep have continued to practise counting to five in French and have learnt the colours of the French flag. We also discussed some traditional French food, many saying they'd rather starve than having to eat snails or frog legs!

Grades 1 and 2 have continued working on introducing friends and understanding the difference in the subject pronoun depending on whether we are talking about a girl or a boy: he or she.

Grades 4 being on camp, our grade 3 students have worked on their number knowledge through online games. They seemed to really enjoy the games. Here is the link if some of them would like to play at home too: <https://www.french-games.net/frenchgames>

Grades 5-6 will research online some words on French food so that they can introduce it to their classmates in a future session.

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The students who have tried their best and participated the most last week are:

Prep: William, Billie, Evie, Jack, Tyler, Ruby
1/2A: Laila, Darcy, Charlotte
1/2B: Mack, Ollie, John
3/4A: Anika, Sam, Talulah, Jake
3/4B: Declan, Jake, William
5/6A: Arlia, Gabby, Marshal, Kiara
5/6B: Chardell, Henry, Ollie, Summer

Have a lovely week! Bonne semaine à tous!

Madame Samson

BREW BAR
on the ninety miles
583 Esplanade Lakes Entrance. Phone: 5155 3839

Home Made Sausage rolls \$3.5 (Sauce x2 50C)

Chicken Strip Wrap \$4
Small Tortilla wrap with lettuce, cheese and Mayo

Tomato & Vege Pasta \$5
with Cheese (v)

Chilli Con Carne (mild)\$6
with rice, salsa, cheese & Sour Cream
ADD WRAP OR CORN CHIPS(Please specify) \$1

Mini Vegan Budda Bowl\$6
Changes Weekly

Wraps \$5
Ham& Salad
Chicken & Salad
Cheese & Salad

Cup of Homemade soup \$5
with small roll (Changes Weekly)

Pizza Muffins 2 for \$5 OR 1 for \$3
Ham,Cheese & Pinapple

Gluten Free Bread & Wraps available on request

Fruit & Yoghurt cup \$5

Vege sticks, cheese & Hummus or Salsa(please specify) \$5

Please have lunch orders in office by Thursday mornings. Late Orders can not be guaranteed their choice

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**JUNIOR REGISTRATION****SEASON 1 - 2023****14 Rounds + Finals****Cost - \$110 + insurance****Start date - From 27th of Feb****Registration will close on the 19th of Feb****Any questions please text - 0475 518 250****To register please use the link at the top of the post****Playing nights tba after registration****UNDER 8's - REGISTRATION IS OPEN****(born - 2016/2017)****14 Rounds****Cost - \$90.00 + insurance****Start date - From the 27th of Feb****Registration will close on the 19th of Feb****Any questions please text - 0475 518 250****To register use the link at the top of the post****Playing nights tba after registration****LAKES ENTRANCE
TENNIS CLUB****PROUDLY PRESENTS****TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL
— OPEN DAY —**

An opportunity for locals and visitors new to the sport of Tennis and Pickleball to come along and have a social hit.

Experienced Tennis and Pickleball coaches on hand to provide support and coaching tips. All equipment provided.

COME ALONG AND TRY OUT:

- Kids coaching • Ball machine • Adult coaching
- Cardio Tennis • Kids games • Radar Gun Speed Serving
- Free BBQ Sausage Sizzle • Have a free hit of tennis
- Door prizes • Membership Deals • And so much more!



Where: Lakes Entrance Tennis Club - 43 Palmers Rd,
Lakes Entrance (Behind Aquadome)

When: Sunday March 5th - 10am to 1pm

Cost: Free!

Join us on Facebook!  @LakesEntranceTennisClub

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East Gippsland Kinship Carer Support Group

Are you caring for a child or children because a family member or friend is unable to?
Would you like to meet others who are in a similar situation and will understand what you are going through?

Would you like to be with people who will listen to your stories without judgement?

All Kinship Carers are welcome and morning tea will be supplied

WHEN:

The third Thursday of each month
at 10:30am-12:30pm

WHERE:

The Hub
27 Dalmahoy Street
Bairnsdale

RSVP FOR CATERING:

Anita on 0475 740 927 or
kinshipcaregippsland@berrystreet.org.au
or use the following link to register
<https://forms.office.com/r/GxK2dgVsBu>

2023 MEETING DATES:

19th of January
16th of February
16th of March
20th of April
18th of May
15th of June
20th of July
17th of August
21st of September
19th of October
16th of November
21st of December



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